

COVID19 Cases: 67

COVID19 Deaths: 1

Note that of the new cases, three are duplicates within one household; less the 15 residents still remain quarantined.

Teens have been congregating in public areas throughout town. While the risk to these populations seems to be low, these kids can bring this highly contagious disease home to others more vulnerable. Please do not gather. Police have been breaking up groups when found.

BOH and town officials will discuss reducing the number of cars allowed at the lighthouse in an attempt to reduce the number of people congregating. Other town restrictions may be forthcoming to reinforce the social distancing recommendations.

While the BOH has not mandated mask wearing in public areas (and town counsel isn't sure we have that authority), PLEASE WEAR A MASK if you're going to be around (or MIGHT be around) others. For now, it is the best method to slow spreading in public.

www.scituatema.gov COVID19 red banner has links to lots of helpful information and is updated constantly. Also mass.gov has resources regarding unemployment, mental health support, and other important resources.

Senior Hours at the transfer station will continue on Mondays from 8-10am during the emergency.

BOH will be reviewing the water hook-up moratorium this week with an eye toward lifting the moratorium (hopefully) next week, if conditions permit. DPW has a list of requests and, when lifted, will begin the turn-ons.

BOS will meet tomorrow night (virtually). Discussion will include tax payment deadline (May 1st) and Town Meeting date. The town budget will need to be revisited before Town Meeting and adjusted on what is anticipated to be reductions in revenue. Scituate is waiting for guidance from the State on projected cuts. It is likely that the Governor will extend the state of emergency past May 4th. Conversations with state officials is ongoing to plan for "re-opening" guidance. It

is probable that essential/non-essential will transition to compliant/non-compliant businesses being able to open in some fashion.

Discussions about how to open public spaces (like beaches) is also ongoing. Social distancing will be necessary for some time.

Until there is ample supply of quick-result testing, it is unlikely that the state will employ routine testing at the town level.

Many local businesses have already created online shopping: please support them. The Economic Development Commission is working on creative plans to assist in supporting local businesses when the closures are relaxed. If you have ideas you'd like to share about how to bring Scituate together (safely!) again, please send them to kcanfield@scituatema.gov or EDC.

www.sandshelps.org has face masks available for those unable to secure them elsewhere. Priority to elderly and vulnerable residents.

Video updates will continue Mondays and Thursdays on Channel 9 at 9:30am until further notice.